MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether there are not duly qualified persons among the copyists for appointment in the permanent establishment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): There may be some duly qualified persons.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether they have considered about the appointment of such copyists in Government Service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Government have no objection to consider it.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether any complaint has been received about receiving of copies from the Record Keepers.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No complaint has been received about the Record Keepers.

Vellanchira-Aruvipuram Trace.

76. ✻ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since the conversion of the above trace into a cart road is pressed for

(*b*) the distance of the above trace;

(*c*) the approximate cost of converting the above trace into a cartable gravel road;

(*d*) whether they are aware that the people owning lands in the locality are willing to surrender lands free of compensation, if required;

(*e*) whether any estimate has been prepared for the improvement of the trace; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the affirmative, when it was prepared and what is the amount for it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) About eight years.

(*b*) About seven miles.

(*c*) The work has not been estimated for.

(*d*) Yes

(*e*) No.

(*f*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*e*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government are aware that the trace passes through seven important agricultural *pakuthies*?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The information is accepted, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government are aware that the conversion of that trace into a cartable road would benefit thousands of agriculturists in the taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): Government accept the statement.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why in spite of the fact that the necessity of the road was pressed for the last 8 years no estimate was prepared by the Department?

MR. G. B E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Sir, I must explain the position. The trace was asked to be taken up under the Ryots' Roads Rules and the Government order was that it should be taken under that rule. The Department could not take up the work of the road because its width was only 8 feet and we want at least 15 feet for a cartable road. Another thing from my own information is that although it is stated that it passes through 7 *pakuthies* those *pakuthies* are very thinly populated.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from Government the population of Arianad, Vembayam, Palode and Vidura *pakuthies* put together?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I may refer the member to the Census publication.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government why, in the face of absence of sufficient knowledge with regard to the thinness or thickness of the population, Government stated that the *pakuthies* are thinly populated?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is the information contained in the report that came from the Division Officer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know when the Division Officer inspected the place?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the road is to be constructed for Government purposes or for the needs of the public?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I must draw the attention of the Honourable Member that it was ordered to be taken over under the Ryots' Roads Rules which can be done only if it complies with all the rules. The width of the road should not be less than 22 feet. This road is only 8 feet wide.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government will construct roads only under the ryots roads rules?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): This question is with regard to this trace and this trace was asked to be constructed under the ryots' roads rules.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government are aware that the land owners are willing to surrender their lands free of compensation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): But they have not complied with the rules under the ryots' roads as yet.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether Government's position is that unless and until the people of these localities do conform to the rules of the ryots' roads, they cannot get that road according to the rules?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes, as at present.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether the construction of that road could be taken under any of the rules excluding the ryots' road rules?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : If the importance of the road justifies its construction and if money is available it would be done. But here its conversion into a cart road it is not justified.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether allotment is not made for the construction of that road in this year's budget?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes, there is a sum of Rs. 1,000, but the work cannot be done.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether that allotment was made without considering the importance of the trace or road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildngs and Irrigation*) : The allotment was made for carrying out a few repairs after the road is taken over for departmental maintenance.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether it is not possible with this Rs. 1,000 to construct at least half a mile or a quarter of a mile of the road?

PRESIDENT : How many more hours do you require, Mr. Nair, for this one question?

The Kallara—Aruvipuram Trace.

77. ✱ MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the distance of Kallara—Aruvipuram trace from the headquarters of the Chief Engineer ;

(*b*) whether the present Chief Engineer has inspected the above trace at any time:

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether he has understood that the conversion of the above trace into a cart road is most useful and it is less difficult ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why he has not inspected the trace, in spite of repeated representations, in the old Popular Assembly and in this Assembly, that the importance of the trace warrants its immediate conversion into a cart road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) About 25 miles.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise.

(*d*) The trace is not considered as one of importance.

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